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I'm very disappointed to see special interest groups (read: Microsoft's chief competitors) having such influence on the court. I feel it's wrong to stifle competition, even for the industry leader. Microsoft is in the position it's in because it provides (usually) reasonably priced highly functional software that adheres to most standards. I critically evaluate software for purchase and choose based on price/functionality. Microsoft is a consistent winner, but not the only one.

Why are you letting their competitors sway you? Can we expect to see the same rules applied to AOL - the largest software/service company in the world? Where are the lawsuits against them? After having received seeming thousands of offers "Free hours" on AOL, I can say that they are more of a thorn in my side than Microsoft.

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